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Carson Announces Military Academy Nominations for 2004

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Washington, D.C. – Oklahoma Congressman Brad Carson today announced that his Academy Selection Committee for the Second Congressional District has nominated the following high school seniors to attend one of the four service academies associated with branches of the United States Armed Services. Carson's Committee is comprised of citizens who have been chosen to represent the Second Congressional District in selecting the academy nominees.

Students who are seniors in high school are nominated based on their standardized test scores, overall grade point average, involvement in extracurricular activities and the leadership skills which they possess. The final selection process is conducted by officials from each of the four academies, and appointments are granted to students following a nationwide selection process involving all of the nominees.

"Receiving a nomination to one of our nation's service academies is a great honor in and of itself," Carson said. "These talented and determined individuals have already exemplified the traits needed to succeed within our nations Armed Services, and I am extremely pleased that the selection committee has recognized the achievements and potential of these young men."

The nominees are as follows:

United States Military Academy, West Point, New York:

Latimer County Caleb B. Oller Wilburton High School

McIntosh County Dan Johnson Fisher Eufaula High School

Rogers County Taylor Clifton Roberts Claremore High School

Jarrin Dale Jackson Tulsa Community College

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland:

LeFlore County Chase Hall DeCroo Spiro High School

McCurtain County Zachary Morris Franklin Broken Bow High School

McIntosh County Dan Johnson Fisher Eufaula High School

Muskogee County William Dayton Brown, Jr. Hilldale High School

Pittsburg County Benjamin Albert Boyer New Mexico Military

Institute

United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado:

Cherokee County Jensen Vermont Stenberg Tahlequagh High School

Muskogee County Samuel Dexter Morgan Haskell High School

Pittsburg County Benjamin Albert Boyer New Mexico Military

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William Meredith Graff McAlester High School

Rogers County Richard Michael Nezat Owasso High School

Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York:

LeFlore County Chase Hall DeCroo Spiro High School

Pittsburg County Benjamin Albert Boyer New Mexico Military

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